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1. AS LARGE IMPORTER OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM U.S., EGYPTIANS COULD BE EXPECTED TO REACT FAVORABLY IN PRINCIPLE TO GENERAL IDEA OF STOCKPILE MECHANISM DESCRIBED REFTEL. THERE IS LITTLE EXPECTATION, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WOULD OR COULD USE THE STORAGE FACILITY, FOR REASONS MENTIONED BELOW. IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTORS, WE BELIEVE GOE WOULD NOT HAVE A PRACTICAL INTEREST IN PROGRAM AND SUGGEST IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO RAISE IT WITH THEM AT THIS TIME PER PARA 3 REFTEL.

2. MOST OF EGYPT'S AGRICULTURAL PURCHASES IN THE U.S. ARE NOW MADE WITH CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM EITHER USDA OR A.I.D. IN CASE OF USDA, WHEAT PURCHASED UNDER PL 480 PROGRAM REPRESENTS BULK OF U.S. EXPORTS. THIS WHEAT IS URGENTLY NEEDED AND ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM IS TO EXPEDITE ITS SHIPMENT FROM THE U.S. TO EGYPT. THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE, THEREFORE, SOME SUPPLEMENTARY PURCHASES
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BY THE GOE BEFORE STOCKPILE MECHANISM WOULD BE MEANINGFUL. A.I.D.-FINANCED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, UNDER THE COMMODITY IMPORT PROGRAM (CORN, EDIBLE OILS, INEDIBLE TALLOW, TOBACCO AND SOYBEAN MEAL) ARE LIKEWISE URGENTLY NEEDED AND POSSIBILITY OF STOCKPILING WOULD NOT LIKELY ARISE. IN ADDITION, CIP REGULATIONS STIPULATE THAT AID-FUNDED COMMODITIES MUST BE USED WITHIN ONE YEAR.

3. GIVEN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CAN SEE POSSIBILITY
THAT OUR DISCUSSING SPECIAL FACILITY WITH GOE MIGHT BRING
REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY CREDITS TO BUILD UP STOCKPILES.
WE HAVE DECIDED, THEREFORE, NOT TO RAISE MATTER AT THIS
TIME, PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. ADVISE. EILTS

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